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Chrysalis Charter School is so grateful for the changes in eligibility presented to you. We are a perfect example of the benefit that will come from these changes.

Chrysalis has been sponsored by the Shasta County Board of Education since 2006. In 2008, we leased space from a former Catholic high school. In this facility, we have grown from 90 students to over 170 students in the last six years. Our original 5 year lease has been renewed for an additional six years. Our charter was renewed in 2011. We have the highest API scores in the county for schools serving a student body that is >40% eligible for free and reduced lunch. We are doing a great job by all measures.

As part of Prop. 39, we are eligible for a bit more than \$102,000 for energy efficiency. We know exactly what the best use of some of that funding. Our wing of classrooms consists of a row of south-facing classrooms and a row of north-facing classrooms. Unfortunately, each of the heating/cooling units services a south and north classroom on the same thermostat. Therefore, in the winter, the north classroom wants the heater turned higher than the south side needs so the south side opens its door to vent the heat outside. In the heat of May and September, the south side gets solar heated so they turn on the AC which makes the north side too cold so they open the doors to let the warm air in. This grant would allow us to remedy this massive inefficiency.

However, this project could not qualify under the current regulations. Because of the offset in our charter renewal and our lease renewal, we would be required to come up with payback times of only two to three years. This change in regulations will allow us to qualify which will save significant amounts of energy, for our school, for California school funding, and for the planet. So we thank you for proposing these changes and we hope you will approve them.

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